

said body having an outer surface with a pair of opposite cylindrical portions extending along substantially the entire length of said body and defining said first diameter, and a pair of substantially flat opposite side walls connected between said opposite cylindrical portions, said side walls extending along a substantial portion of said length of said body; and

external threads defined on said pair of opposite cylindrical portions of said outer surface and extending along substantially the entire length of said body.

2. (amended) The fusion device according to claim 1, wherein said [body is] cylindrical portions are tapered along a substantial portion of said length and [includes] define a second diameter at a second end thereof that is greater than said first diameter.

3. (amended) The fusion device of claim 1, wherein:
said flat side walls terminate near said first end; and
said cylindrical portions and said threads are interrupted by said side walls and are circumferentially continuous thereafter [at] from said side walls to said first end.

10. (amended) The fusion device according to claim 7 wherein said metal [is] includes a group VB metal [or an alloy of said group VB metal].